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### CRICKET.

#### CLERKENWELL CLUB V. BISHOPSGATE CLUB.

This match was played on Saturday, April 19, on the Highbury Sluice House-ground, resulting in a victory for Clerkenwell by 51 runs, time only allowing one innings each. The following is the score:—

CLERKENWELL.		BISHOPSGATE.	
Fraser, c Ingold, b Lovick	15	Lovick, b Cox	3
Absalom, c Ingold, b Horton	22	Cheshire, c Absalom, b Freer	0
Peacock, c Clapperton	2	Ingold, b Cox	0
Cox, b Horton	0	Finch, b Cox	0
Freer, c Standing, b Lovick	0	Horton, b Freer	0
Hedges, c Finch, b Lovick	0	Crump, not out	7
Havill, b Horton	1	Standing, b w, b Cox	0
Goldsworthy, b Ingold	8	Cottor, b Freer	0
Shepherd, b Ingold	5	Clapperton, b Freer	0
Angel, not out	6	Britton, c Freer, b Freer	0
Barker, b Horton	5	Costard, c Angel, b Freer	1
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Umpires—Messrs. Riddington and Harrington.

#### CLERKENWELL CLUB SECOND ELEVEN V. ST. PAUL'S AMICABLE CLUB FIRST ELEVEN.

This match was played on Good Friday, at the Highbury Sluice House-ground, when, after a well-contested game, it was decided in favour of the Clerkenwellers by 59 runs. The following is the score:—

CLERKENWELL.		ST. PAUL'S.	
Goldsworthy, b Taylor	0	3 b w	0
Bowles, run out	2	1 b Taylor	2
Wilston, b Palmer	1	0 b Taylor	1
Angel, b Palmer	47	0 b Palmer	6
Riddington, b Taylor	0	run out	1
Havill, c Bennett, b Palmer	14	c Edsall, b Palmer	5
Swanott, b Palmer	0	s Palmer	5
Smith, not out	0	0 s Palmer	8
Doughty, b Taylor	15	c Batty, b Palmer	0
Lovell, b Taylor	4	not out	0
Crump, c W. Cornish, b Taylor	1	1 b Taylor	0
Byes, &c.	2	run out	4

#### ST. PAUL'S AMICABLES.

Blakeley, c Swanott, b Angel	2	2 b Wilston	2
Belides, not out	15	0 b Swanott, b Angel	8
Palmer, c Havill	0	0 b Angel	1
Taylor, c Wilston, b Angel	3	3 b Angel	4
Chapman, b Wilston	0	0 b Wilston	5
Bennet, b Wilston	0	0 b Wilston	2
Batty, b Angel	1	1 s Havill	2
W. Cornish, b Wilston	11	0 b Angel	0
G. Cornish, b Angel	1	0 c Swanott, b Angel	0
Baker, b Angel	0	0 c Bowles, b Angel	0
Edsall, b Angel	0	not out	2

Umpires—Messrs. Cox and Jarvis.

### PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS.

Perceval King, of Surrey, is engaged for May, June, and July at Merchiston Castle School, Edinburgh.  
George Lawrence is engaged at Radley College.  
H. Stubbfield is again engaged at Brighton and Brighton College.  
Joseph Berry, of Dalton, is engaged (for May and June) to the Oriel College Club, Oxford, as bowler.

CRICKET ON GOOD FRIDAY.—Truly was Friday last the opening day of the season with the metropolitan and suburban clubs. Lord's Ground, the Middle-



### DEVON AND CORNWALL WRESTLING.—THE ELBOW AND COLLAR.

(Sketches by our own Artist.)

sex Ground, at Primrose-hill; the Green Man Ground, at Shacklewell; Blackheath, Victoria Park, and in fact most of the grounds were alive with hat, ball, and cricketers, presaging one of the busiest cricket seasons on record. Seldom has the weather at this season of the year presented so favourable an opportunity for the commencement of the cricketing season.

CRICKET DRESSING.—The members of this club have succeeded in renting a piece of ground on the Waddon-road, known as "the Vicar's Field." Practice commenced in earnest a few days since, and the Croydonians seem determined to uphold the fine old English pastime.

SOUTH EAST CLUB.—A new club has been formed under the above title, being the Upton United reconstituted. The president, Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Bart., will continue to allow the club to use the ground in Upton Park for matches, and has also permitted another portion to be appropriated for practice, which will be ready by the commencement of the season. The practice days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Matches with the Southgate, Gravesend, Westbourne, and Eastern Counties Railway are arranged, and others are under negotiation, particulars of which will be duly announced.

VICTORIA PARK UNITED.—The members of this club would have great pleasure in arranging home-and-home matches with the following clubs:—London Free, Northumberland Park, Tottenham, Unity, City United, and Finsbury. Letters addressed to the secretary, White Hart Tavern, Old Ford, E., will receive prompt attention.

### SHOOTING.

#### PIGEON SHOOTING AT HORNSEY WOOD HOUSE.

On Saturday last, the members of the aristocratic club met in strong force at the above grounds, and a great deal of shooting took place, but from the high wind that prevailed throughout the afternoon, coupled with the excellence of the birds, very bad scores were made, even by the cracks, as the subjoined roll of the shooting will show. Four handicap sweepstakes were shot for. The first was won by Mr. P. Hambro, after firing with Mr. Heathcote and Lord Holmesdale; the second by Lord Holmesdale, after firing twice with Mr. Hambro, and Mr. Robertson; the third was likewise booked to his lordship, and the fourth to Mr. Heathcote. Score:—

Hon. G. H. Heathcote	0 11 1.0.0 10.0	0 0.1 10
Mr. Chappel	1 10 0.0.0 0.0	0 0.0
Mr. Thornhill	1 0 0.0.1 0.0	0 0.0
Mr. Herbert	1 0 0.0.1 0.0	0 0.0
Captain Stewart	0 0.0.1 0.0	0 0.0
Mr. Robertson	0 11 1.1 0.0.1 0.0	0 0.0 10 0
Mr. P. Hambro	0 11 1.1 0.0.1 0.0	1 0 0.1 0
Lord Holmesdale	0 11 1.0.0 1.1 1.1 0.0	1 0 0
Mr. Peters	0 0.0.1 0.0	0 0.0
Mr. King	0 0.0.1 0.0	0 0.0

Messrs. Riley, King, and Chappel then shot two sweepstakes of five birds each, which were won by Mr. Chappel. Mr. King and Mr. Riley shot a match at six birds each, for a silver, and the former won. Score:—

Mr. Riley	0 0 11 0.1 0 0 10.1 0 0 0 0
Mr. King	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 1
Mr. Chappel	1 1 0 1 0.0 1 1 1 0

A great number of Barber's best were also shot at for practice and by shooting.

On Monday last Mr. Stone, the proprietor of the Hornsey Wood Grounds, presented a handsome gold watch as a first prize, and a silver watch as a second prize, to be shot for by all comers. The conditions were half-a-crown entry, 25 yds rise, double barrels, 11oz shot, single, 11oz shot. Mr. Reed officiated as referee. The shooting commenced soon after 2 p.m., but the entries and the attendance were not what may have been expected considering the attractive character of the match. The birds were supplied by Barber, and were quite up to his standard. At the termination of the match sweepstakes were made up and shot for in the true Easter Monday fashion.

The following is the score:—

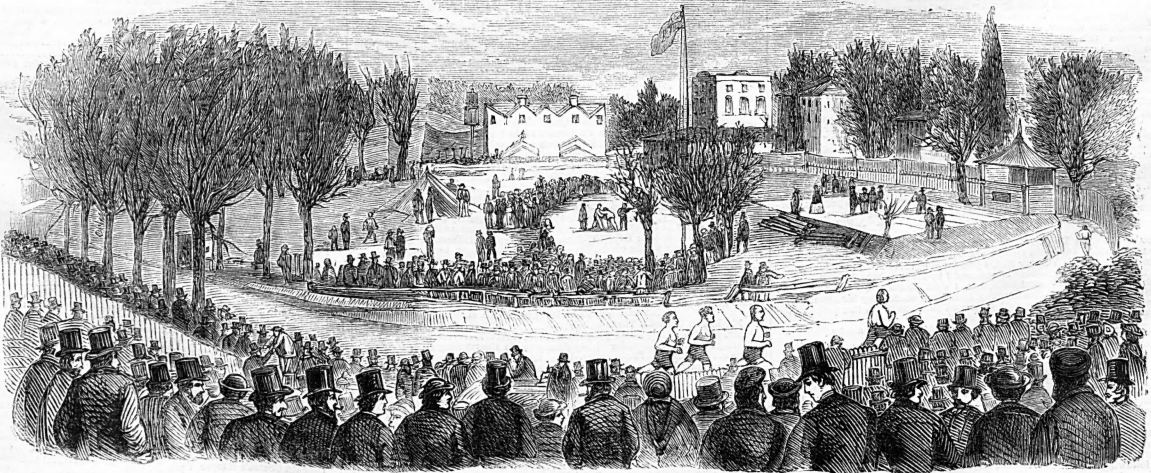
Mr. Hatfield 1 1 1 0 R	Mr. Box 0 1 1 R
" Wilson 1 1 1 1 1	" Preston 0 1 R
" James Rose 1 1 1 0 R	" White 0 R
" Strang 0 R	" John Barber 0 1 1 R
" Taylor 0 1 1 1 0	" Ball 0 0 R
" Brown 1 1 1 1 1	" Margeson 1 1 1 1 0
" S. S. 0 0 R	" Tanno 1 0 R
" Ruddick 0 1 0 R	" Moore 1 1 1 1 1
" D. 1 1 1 0 R	

Messrs. Moore, Brown, and Wilson killed the whole of their birds, and shot off at five birds each. The score:—

Moore 1 0 1 1 1	Brown 1 0 1 1 0
Wilson 1 0 1 1 1	

HARRIS AND SMITH.—These gentlemen are matched to shoot at fifty pigeons each, 25 yds rise, five traps, double guns, 11oz shot, both barrels, to pull against each other, for £25 a side, on Monday next, at Hornsey Wood House, at two o'clock.

HARRIS AND SOMERS.—Mr. Harris, hearing that Mr. Somers is dissatisfied with his late defeat, will shoot another match with him, for £20 a side, with either a nine or fourteen bore gun. Other conditions same as in their late match. To come off in a month.



THE METROPOLITAN GROUNDS, HACKNEY WICK, ON GOOD FRIDAY.

(From a Sketch by our own Artist.)

clear lead on the whip hand, Hesper in the centre of the course second, Gisors laying off wide on the off side. On coming to the Bushes Hill Hesper nearly





JOHN SMITH, THE CELEBRATED WESTMORELAND WRESTLER.

(From a Photograph by G. Bonner of Farringdon-street.)

### CELEBRATED POLE LEAPERS AND WRESTLERS OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

A. WRIGHT, of Longtown, is 27 years of age, and is one of the most famous 11st men of the day. He has won the almost unprecedented number of one hundred prizes, including twenty-four champion belts, and three massive cups. He has appeared in almost every ring in England, and is celebrated for the gentleness, as well as science, conspicuous in his play.

BENJAMIN COOPER, *alias* "Old Ben," of Carlisle, is a far-famed wrestler in the style of Cumberland and Westmoreland. His cognomen of "Old Ben" seems to have been bestowed on him for a certain dry archness of manner which, added to the peculiar dialect of his birthplace, gives a tone to his character which has rendered him conspicuous wherever he has appeared before the public. He is an 11st man, but, unfortunately, was prevented from entering for the 11st belt at Honeywood on Good Friday, in consequence of his being just one pound over the mark. Ben came all the way from Carlisle for the purpose of carrying home the London belt, and great was his disappointment when he found he was excluded from the contest. He was overmatched in weight, if not in skill, in the heavy weight encounter, and consequently, had to return home empty-handed, to the disappointment of his friends, no less than himself. He is 30 years of age, and a fine specimen of the northern athlete.

JAMISON, of Penrith, is one of the most active 11st men who ever attempted an athletic display before the public. In form he is a perfect Hercules, and in muscular development a complete anatomical study. He is famed principally for his skill in pole leaping. He is about 27 years of age, and is always welcomed as a competitor in the games of his county.

G. SCOTT, of Cornthwaite, is 25 years of age, and is a most promising 11st man. He commenced his career about four years since, and has thrown many of the best men of the day. Admirable judges pronounce him to be the

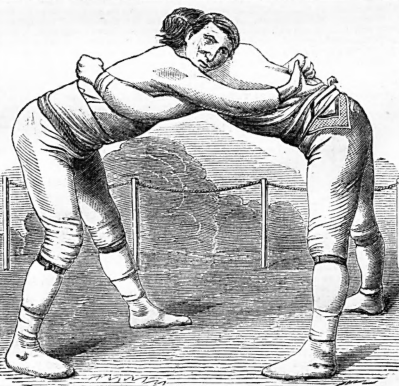
coming representative of his country in the sport for which it bears a world-wide celebrity.

BLAIR, of Allandale, is a capital wrestler. He is about 22 years of age, and is extremely well built.

J. SMOKE is from Tatham, and has performed in many rings with much credit. He weighs about 91st, and is in his 27th year. At Hornsey Wood he played with much skill, and considerably added to his reputation.

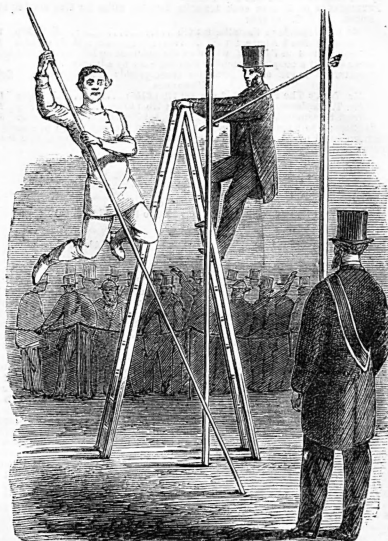
ROBERT MUGRAVE, of Cockermouth, who won the first prize on Good Friday at Hornsey Wood House, was 19 years of age on the 11th of last October. He was unsuccessful in the first onset on his career at Preston, when he met Davy Johnson in August, 1860, for a £5 prize. Johnson jumped 9ft. 6in., and Mugrave only rose 9ft. 4in., thus losing the match by 2in. His next appearance was likewise at Preston in the August following, when he won the leading prize, clearing 9ft. 5in. In the same year, in the 7th ring, at Ulverston, North Lancashire, he defeated five other competitors by clearing 9ft. 5in. The *locus in quo* was still further changed to Penrith, Cumberland, in the same week, where he cleared 9ft. 5in. The culminating point, however, was his memorable appearance before the Durham collectors, for money prizes, in 1861, when he astonished all by attaining the unprecedented altitude of 10ft. 5in. His performance on Good Friday was recorded in our last impression; and was presented by Mr. Harris, the well-known silversmith and jeweller in Hatton-garden, with a silver watch. In addition to the prize awarded by the committee of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Wrestling Society. On Monday he went to Hackney Wick, where, at the Cornwall and Devon Easter sports, projected by Mr. J. C. Baum, the respected host of the famed Metropolitan Running Grounds, he won the first prize for pole jumping, clearing 9ft. 4in. He jumps with a 13-ft. pole, weighs 91st, and is 5ft. 6in. high. In addition to the above performances he showed himself an excellent light-weight candidate for wrestling honours by winning, in 1861, the 91st wrestling prize at Cockermouth, beating Geo. Meales, of Cockermouth, twice in succession by the swinging type. On the same occasion he also won a hurdle match of 200 yds, over 12 hurdles, for prize money, and a half-mile race, beating eleven others. Thus he has shown himself exceedingly active in all athletic games. His brother was the most celebrated leaper of the time, and will be well remembered by all lovers of the art in which he excelled. The present bearer of his name bids fair to maintain the reputation attached to it.

JOHN SMITH, 28 years of age on the 2nd of April, is a native of Old Hutton Westmoreland, is 6ft. in altitude, and weighs 11st when in training. He won several minor prizes when in his teens, but the first of importance that it is necessary to mention was when he made his *débüt* in the metropolis at Hornsey Wood House, at the yearly anniversary of "The Two Counties," on the 21st of March, 1856. He was then successful in winning the second prize for all weights—a silver snuff-box, value 7 guineas, defeating seven others. In 1857, on Good Friday, at Mr. J. C. Baum's, White Lion Grounds, Hackney Wick, when, "of far more boldness and of greater skill," he contended for the head prize for all weights—silver watch, value 10 guineas; and his fame was much enhanced from the circumstance that the celebrated Brunsell, a first tested wrestler from Westmoreland, was amongst the five he beat on that occasion. In 1858 we again find him putting in an appearance at Hackney Wick, on Good Friday, April 2, when he got second to Gibson, of Westmoreland, for men under 11st, and obtained a silver snuff-box, value 6 guineas. He again



CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND WRESTLING.—THE HOLD.

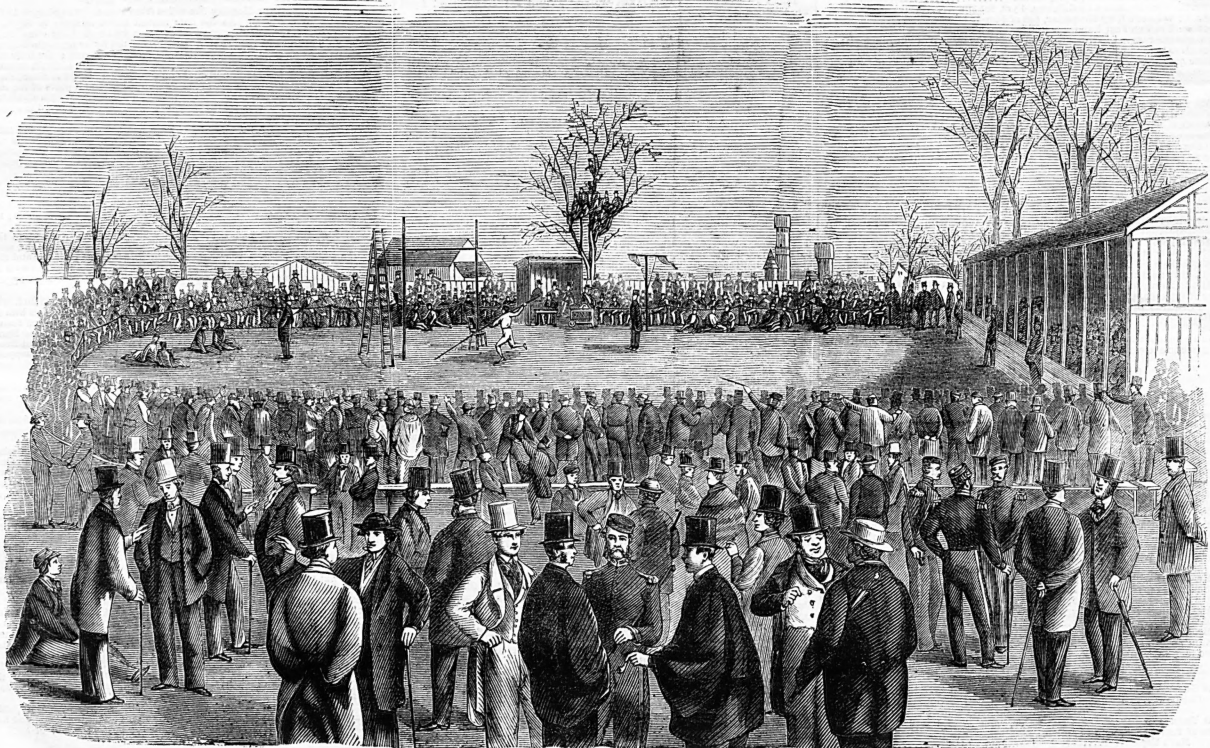
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CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND POLE LEAPING.

(From a sketch by our own Artist.)

proved himself the general of the day at a summer *fête* given at the Crystal Palace shortly afterwards, when he cleared the all-weight prize—a handsome silver medal and purse. On the 18th of September, in the same year, at the Crystal Palace, he was invited by the Early Closing Association, and at their *fête* he won the Champion's Belt and purse, for all-weights, open to all; six others contended. During the year 1859 he was far from being convalescent, and did not appear at the 11st-club. Time drew on for 1860, when we again find him, renovated in pristine health and vigour, as an attendant at the Cumberland and Westmoreland anniversary at Hornsey Wood. It was a period of glad auguries, and in the all-weight contest, after coming against Wilkinson, M. and T. Robinson, and three others, he fought gallantly added another to his head-rod of victories; and this performance, without doubt, raised him to the very highest empyrean of fashion amongst the denizens of the famed two counties. The guerdon was a gold watch, value 18 guineas. He only showed once, likewise, in the following year—again at the C. and W. festival at Hornsey Wood. There is nothing in which chance plays mortals such good and bad tricks as in the *expropt* and *mal-expropt* by which the contrives to bring them into notice, sometimes crushing them beneath a load of unluckiness, and at others sending them aloft with no reason at all but her whim. Thus it was that despite the application of some of the best science and athletic skill we saw displayed for many a day, there was a bar sinister to his absolute triumph on this occasion. The contest was for men under 11st, open to all comers, and he was compelled to succumb to the renowned Ben Cooper, of merry Carlisle, one of the most noted wrestlers in the Border country. Gaining secondary honours only, his prize was five guineas. His last performance was at the Cumberland and Westmoreland festival, at Hornsey Wood, on Good Friday, a full report of which we gave in our Saturday's edition. He then contended with forty-one wrestlers for the prize for men belonging to the respective counties named above, but who had been resident in London since the 1st of January 1862; and it was a fine sight to see him and Johnny Dixon, the champion of 1861, taking the grip to wrestle off for the first prize. Here again



HORNSEY WOOD HOUSE ON GOOD FRIDAY.

(From a Sketch by our own Artist.)



J. STRONG, OF UNTHANK.

(From a Photograph by G. Bonner, of Farringdon-street.)

he guarded his light from eclipses, and grasped a most honorable victory, after some remarkably fine play. He has several times been challenged, but has never accepted a single cartel, restricting his athletic devoirs to supporting, more for fame's sake, his own country gatherings, from which he is seldom absent. We have little doubt, however, in our minds, but that he can afford himself, in the wrestling customs of his country the champion of the London ring—like

"He that the world subdued, had been  
But the best wrestler on the green."

## AQUATICS.

## ROYAL LONDON YACHT CLUB.

The monthly meeting of this club was held at the Caledonian Hotel, Adelphi-terrace, on Monday, April 21, at eight o'clock p.m. The opening trip of the club for the ensuing season takes place to-day, Saturday, the 26th instant, when the yachts will start from Blackwall at two o'clock p.m., and proceed to the club-house at Erith, where the usual dinner will be provided for members and their friends at six o'clock p.m. precisely. The first match of the season being for yachts of the second and third class, and an extra match for vessels will take place on Tuesday, the 22nd of May next, and the last night of entry posed for election—A. P. Swinell, 41, Mark-lane, E.C.; Alexander Walker, Cornmarket House, Brighton; J. Gardner, 52, High Holborn.

The following are the fixtures for the season—  
First Match, Thursday, 22nd May—Second class, exceeding 10 tons and not exceeding 20 tons, c.m., two prizes, value £30 and £10. Half minute time per ton allowed for difference of tonnage. Course—from Erith to Chapman Head, and return to North Woolwich—Third class, not exceeding 10 tons, c.m., two prizes, value £20 and £5. One minute time per ton allowed for difference of tonnage. Yachts to start from and weigh their own anchors. Course—Erith to Mucking Light, and back to North Woolwich. Extra match for vessels not exceeding 6 tons, c.m., of any rig, belonging to any recognised yacht club. Yachts to start from and weigh their own anchors. Two prizes, value £15 and £5. One minute time per ton allowed for difference of tonnage. Course—Erith to Mucking Light, and back to North Woolwich. The entries for the whole of the above matches close on Thursday, the 15th May, at ten o'clock p.m.

Second Match, Saturday, 21st June—First class, exceeding 20 tons, two prizes, £50 and £10. Half minute time per ton allowed for difference of tonnage. Course—from Erith round the Nore Light, and return to Erith. Entries £50, given by the Commodore and Vice-Commodore. An extra match for prizes value £20, given by the Commodore and Vice-Commodore. The arrangements for this match will be announced on a future occasion.

## WEST LONDON ROWING CLUB.

The opening of the season of this favourite aquatic club, so far as their first races, in light-oared boats, took place on Saturday, under the favourable influences of the weather, and the attendance of members and friends demonstrated the high interest which is taken in this club to compete with their numerous competitors on the river. The prescribed course was from Putney Aqueduct to Hammersmith Bridge, and the two crews arrived at the winning point in the following order:—



MR. JOHN LEVETT, EX-CHAMPION PEDESTRIAN.

(From a Photograph by Andrews, of Dublin.)

Mr. Pitt's Crew (Middlesex)—1, J. Bestwick; 2, H. Howard; 3, C. West; 4, G. Kerridge; 5, F. J. Tyler; 6, W. Wallace; 7, E. Nash; 8, A. R. Pitt; 9, G. Pauley (cox).  
Mr. Collis's Crew (Surrey)—1, J. Cookrell; 2, T. Bond; 3, G. Hassell; 4, R. Dewar; 5, A. D. Houseman; 6, J. Niblett; 7, F. W. Bryant; 8, C. Collins; 9, D. Lister (cox).  
There was nothing beyond fancy-betting, as to choice between the two boats, and a referee well-known to the members having been mutually chosen to act, orders were given for a start, which was effected in a very even manner, and the crews pulled stroke for stroke evenly to passing Mrs. Heath's, of the Star and Garter, the rendezvous of the London Boat Club, when Mr. Collis's party forged ahead until reaching the point in crossing which their oppositonsists drove them nearly to the Surrey shore. The consequence was Mr. Pitt's crew won by a clear half-boat's length, and received stakes in the evening. The gig-race entries close on Saturday evening, the prizes being handsome silver goblets, and a first-class encounter is anticipated.

## THE COBSAIR CLUB.

This club had also fixed their first race for the season on Saturday, and, as may naturally be imagined, the additional assemblage of aquatic friends and craft upon the river was very great. They rowed in pairs from Putney Aqueduct to Hammersmith Bridge, with the following results:—

Messrs. G. Drayton, C. J. Price, H. T. Silverlock (cox) . . . Dark Blue 1  
Messrs. Ellinger, H. Moore, J. Harrison (cox) . . . White 2  
Messrs. Andrew Smith, Corey, E. Eady (cox) . . . Blue and White 3  
Messrs. H. Castell, E. Matthews; T. Smith (cox) . . . 4

## PRINCE OF WALES YACHT CLUB.

GREENISB THIP.—The members of this club opened the season well on Thursday, April 17. The yachts rendezvoused, as usual, at the Folly House, whence at three o'clock they started for Erith, with a breeze from the westward. The Commodore, Mr. Robert Hewitt, led the van in the Jessie, 8 tons; the Vice-Commodore, Mr. J. S. Adam, in the Pearl, 25; and the Zuleika, 22; the Violet (with her noble owner on board), 9; the Ottila, 8; and the Ilias, 7, following.

## ROYAL HARWICH YACHT CLUB.

LORD RENDLESHEIM has accepted the Commodore's flag of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club; and should his lordship's yacht be completed by Thursday, the 8th May next, the day fixed for the annual meeting, the Commodore will hoist his flag in Harwich harbour on that occasion. The funds of the club are in a highly prosperous condition, and arrangements are to be made at the meeting for a regatta this summer.

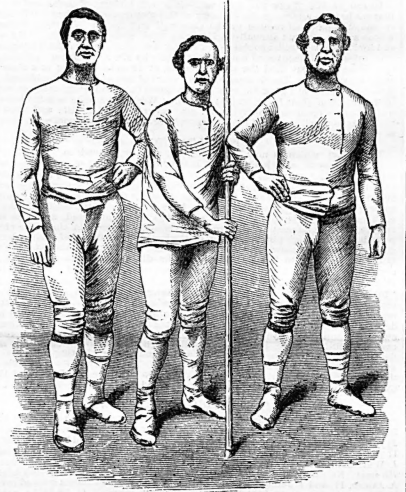
## ARIEL ROWING CLUB.

This club opened its season on Saturday, April 19, with a four-oared race, the following being the crews:—

Mr. JONES'S CREW. Mr. WESTLIE'S CREW. Mr. HOPKINS'S CREW.  
F. A. Austin (led) C. Christall (White) H. Girdlestone (Blue)  
J. A. Stockton A. Squire J. Medwin  
P. Pattison J. Kelso S. Medwin  
F. Jones J. Westall T. W. Hopton  
H. Henley (cox) N. H. Robinson (cox) W. H. Marshall (cox)

The prizes are five handsome claret jugs, and the course Putney to Hammersmith.

All dipped their oars in the water at the same time, but red was last off. After a few strokes, Blue began to draw ahead slightly, a good race taking place between White and Red up to the London Boat-house, where White



WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, MUSGROVE, AND G. SCOTT.

(From Photographs by G. Bonner, of Farringdon-street.)

fouled the bow oar of Red, by which *contemps* Red fell astern considerably, but gallantly went after their opponents, and most decidedly gained considerably up to this point. Blue, by this time, were leading by a clear length, while opposite to the Crab Tree, was increased to a couple. White, at this point of the race, put on a determined spurt, and gradually gained upon Blue until arriving at the Soap-works, where Blue again succeeded in getting away, and won by about two lengths and a half from White, who were three lengths in front of Red, who had pulled all through most pluckily. Mr. Owen, who started the crews, accompanied the race in a four manned by members of the London Rowing Club.

## BOAT RACES ON THE TYNE.

On Good Friday a four oared scratch match took place between two crews of the Northern Rowing Club. The course was about a mile, from the High Level Bridge to the New Quay, and the following were the competing crews:—No. 2 boat—Messrs. R. West, J. G. Scott, T. Cadaw, and Jno. Henkinap (stroke). No. 3 boat—Messrs. J. Atkinson, J. Gallon, R. Johnson, and W. Masters (stroke). The race took place about 6 p.m., when, through the prevalence of a strong wind, the race was rather tedious. No. 2 won a good race by half a length. This was the opening day of the club.

## EXCITING SKIFF RACE BETWEEN RICHARD CLASPER AND TEESDALE WILSON.

The north banks of the river swarmed with people anxious to see the race between these two men on Saturday night, while several steamboats chartered for the occasion were heavily freighted with spectators. The performances of both men have been of a first class character, and the match had consequently excited considerable interest. The river was rough as a sea at half-past six, the time appointed for the race, a circumstance that made Clasper's winning the choice of sides of some importance. He took the north, and Teesdale, for reasons of his own, took the extreme south side, the whole width of the river consequently separating the competitors, and Wilson, besides having to row on a lee shore, had also the disadvantage of the bend of the river, which increased the distance he had to pull. The course was from the High Level to Scottswood Bridge—the stakes £50. Teesdale got slightly the best of the start, but by the time they had reached the Skinner's Barn, Clasper was a couple of lengths ahead, and even at this early stage of the race it was evident that, if his slim craft were not swallowed up by the yeasty waves, Clasper had the race in hand. Off Clasper's bow Homer Dick had a common lead of not less than 200 yds, and from this point to fairly ran away from Wilson, who was engaged in the ungenial pursuit of "catching crabs." Opposite the Meadows his craft went ashore a complete wreck, and Wilson, in a state of great discomfiture, that was rendered more annoying as he might have avoided this *contemps* had he pulled alongside his opponent's boat. Dick now rowed the remainder of the distance alone, and at the end of the race he was received high and dry on board the Garibaldi, amid the acclamations of his friends. It is currently reported in the neighbourhood that this is R. Clasper's last race, but it is at the same time believed that his friends will not yet allow him to retire from the water. J. Adams was umpire for Teesdale Wilson, Harry Clasper officiated for his brother. Mr. T. Rickett was referee, and Mr. W. Bickel stakeholder.

The following matches are pending:—George Storey and Jno. Smith to row, for £20 a side, from the High Level Bridge to the Meadows House, on the 26th of May. A match is also arranged between the same parties, for £25 a side, over the same course, Storey to receive two lengths at the start, and one at the finish, to come off on the 10th of May.  
SAY AND BASTARD.—Early on Monday morning John Sim and Wm. Palmira appeared in Clasper's sculler boats on the Tyne to pull from the High Level to



BLAIR, OF ALLENDALE.

(From a Photograph by G. Bonner, of Farringdon-street.)

the far end of the Meadows, for £30, Balmira to have two lengths start. Both men have appeared honourably though not frequently in public, and their rowing in this race was such as to do credit to their abilities. Notwithstanding the earliness of the hour (8 o'clock) a lovely morning tempted a large number of spectators to witness the race both on land and water. Balmira chose the north side, and in a short time the preliminaries were settled, and both men were hard at work. Sim pulled desperately to lessen the distance between himself and the leader; and at the Grimston Quay he had succeeded in pulling his boat level. From this point the race was closely contested; but ultimately the superior strength of Sim prevailed, and he won by three lengths. Mr. Jas. Taylor was referee; Mr. J. Bagnall stakeholder.

GREENWICH AMATEUR REGATTA.—This fourth annual amateur regatta, for a silver cup, silver watch, and various other prizes, was drawn for on Monday last, the following men obtaining lots:—West-end men: H. Henley (light blue), E. Miller (pink), C. Mullins (green), East-end men: W. Morgan (yellow), A. Wilson (dark blue), J. George (red).

QUEEN'S PRINCE'S BOAT CLUB.—This club has fixed the following races for the season:—Pair-oared race, May 17; four-oared, June 14; scullers, July 12. The entries for the first of these have closed, and are as follow, with the order in which the heats will be rowed:—First heat, Putney to Hammersmith: 1. White—Robertson, Peatling, Hawkes (cox); 2. Light blue—Hill, Ayton, Palmountain (cox); 3. Dark blue—Newton, T. Shinn, Padwick (cox); 4. Green—Payne, Palmer, White (cox).—Second heat, Hammersmith to Barnes: 1. Orange—Robinson, Plenister, R. Thomas (cox); 2. Red and White—Tanner, Wright, Webb (cox); 3. Blue and White—Weatherall, Cliff, Woolridge (cox); 4. Red—Edsworth, Smale, Stewardson (cox).—Final heat, Barnes to Hammersmith.

LANCASTER.—BOAT RACE.—On Saturday last the match between Split and Derbyshire's skiff Shamrock and R. Dickinson's Morning Light, for £5 a side, came off. The distance was from the New Quay to Quay-steps, which was rowed in about eight minutes. The former came in winner by about four lengths.

## MR. JOHN LEVETT.

The portrait under which this name is placed is that of one of the most famous runners of pedestrians, and written on pedestrianism of the present day. He is the ex-champion of England, and his name is, perhaps, better known in connection with pedestrianism than that of any other man of the time. Mr. Levett is the author of the series of papers entitled "How to Train," which is being published in the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS, and which will be issued shortly in a complete form. The ex-champion is at present residing in Dublin, where he presides over almost all the sports and pastimes of that quarter of the sister-isle.



A. WRIGHT, OF LONGTOWN.

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weddle receiving 45 yds start inside, came off on the above ground on Monday  
st, April 21st, in the presence of about 1,000 spectators. The betting opened



